

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

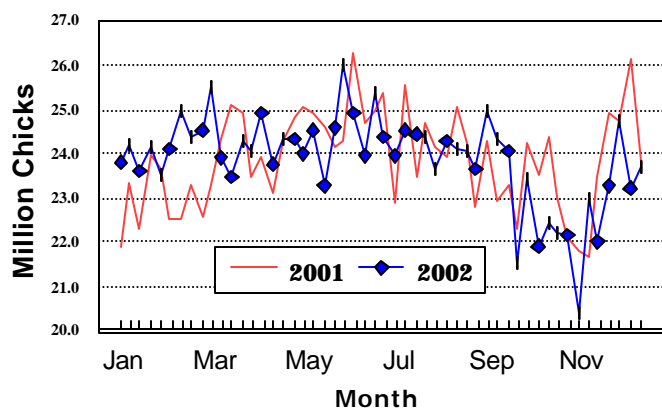
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending December 28, 2002. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 28, 2002 were 1.24 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.2 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

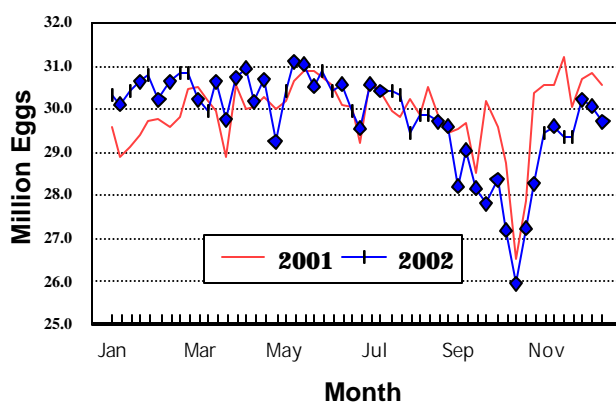
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 28, 2002, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Nov. 23	21,689	22,968	106	23,031	22,459	98	30,582	29,624	97
Nov. 30	23,459	21,996	94	25,047	23,319	93	31,179	29,362	94
Dec. 7	24,937	23,291	93	25,189	24,209	96	30,081	29,336	98
Dec. 14	24,756	24,762	100	25,240	24,415	97	30,701	30,240	99
Dec. 21	26,129	23,254	89	25,714	24,244	94	30,830	30,054	97
Dec. 28	23,849	23,721	99	24,677	24,193	98	30,596	29,685	97

**CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002**



**EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002**



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	%	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	%
Alabama	27,958	27,883	27,883	27,892	95	19,786	20,386	20,953	21,362	21,620	21,683	97
ARKANSAS	29,336	30,240	30,054	29,685	97	22,968	21,996	23,291	24,762	23,254 *	23,721	99
Delaware	3,415	3,389	3,399	3,484	100	4,909	4,810	5,392	5,115	5,313 *	4,512	95
Florida	1,727 *	1,592	1,572 *	1,564	62	2,348	2,467	2,091	1,696	1,754 *	1,607	71
Georgia	30,418 *	30,581	29,982 *	30,744	100	22,866	24,294	25,182	24,590 *	24,746 *	24,493	94
Kentucky	6,557 *	6,711 *	6,460 *	6,196	106	4,887	5,020	5,443	5,390 *	5,119 *	5,316	102
Maryland	9,933	9,925	9,834	9,750	103	6,160	6,131	5,221	5,475	5,805 *	6,495	121
Mississippi	18,596 *	18,826	18,627	18,897	100	13,872	15,265	15,125	15,285	15,907	15,161	99
N. Carolina	17,594 *	18,605	18,219	17,743	92	14,230	14,122	13,614	14,344	14,273 *	13,978	98
Oklahoma	6,386	6,243	6,363	6,027	93	3,269	5,144	4,525	3,957	4,647	4,388	86
Pennsylvania	3,633 *	3,733 *	3,677	3,605	99	2,585	2,588	2,388 *	2,625 *	2,558	2,465	93
S. Carolina	4,526	4,676	4,868 *	4,863	103	3,684	3,870	3,440	3,225	3,831 *	3,939	93
Texas	14,875	15,131	14,756	14,887	97	11,623	12,241	11,711	12,084	11,822	11,730	99
Virginia	5,984	6,230	6,226	6,233	94	4,444	5,288	4,861	5,221	5,890 *	5,281	103
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,275	20,058 *	19,039 *	19,540	98	17,422	18,253	18,823	17,570 *	18,045 *	18,005	102
Total 2002	200,213 *	203,823 *	200,959 *	201,110		155,053	161,875	162,060 *	162,701 *	164,584 *	162,774	
Total 2001	204,465	207,067	208,836	207,192		158,581	165,267	167,382	166,079	170,266	166,034	
% Prev. Year	98	98	96	97		98	98	97	98	97	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 201 million eggs during the week ending December 28, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through December 28, 2002 were 8.65 billion.